Declaration of Gopalpur-Raipur road in Orissa as a National Highway

7239. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to declare the state road from Gopalpur (Orissa) to Raipur, via Khariar—Nawapara, as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the total length of Koraput district in Orissa that is being touched by the proposed National Highway; and

(c) the steps taken to implement that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New National Highways in Karnataka

7240. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many new highway Projects have been taken up during 1995-96 in the country and which are the States covered under the new highways;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to include certain roads in the State under national highways; if so, which are the new highways proposed;

(c) whether the request of Karnataka is not being considered, despite the fact that not a single new highway has been taken up in Karnataka for the past twenty-five years; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider taking up a few national highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has in mind the new National Highways to be taken up in the country during 1995-96. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir. A statement showing details of new National Highways proposed by the State Government of Karnataka is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways during the VIII Five Year Plan, it is difficult to declare any new National Highway at this stage.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the road	Length in Km.
1.	Gooty on NH 17 in Andhra Pradesh-Guntakal-Bellar-Hospet-Keppal-Godag-Hubli-Karwar (To join NH 17)	367.00
2.	Bangalore-Mysore-Nanjangud-Gundlupet-Ooty Coimbatore (To join NH 47) in Tamilnadu	220.00
3.	Mysore-Srirangapatna-Nagamangala-Chikkanayakanahalli-Huliyur-Biriyur-Bellary-Sirigupa-Sahapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (To join NH 9)	678.00
4.	Tumkur-Arasikere-Shimoga-Sagar Honnavar (To join NH 17)	332.00
5.	Bangalore-Mysore-Mercara-Mangalore-(To join NH 17)	385.00
6.	Belgaum-Bijapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (To join NH 9)	364.00
7.	Belgaum-Bagalkot-Raichur-Mahaboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh)	336.00
8.	Chitradurga-Holalkera-Hosadurga Chikkamagalore-Mudigero-Belthaugadi-Bantwal-Mangalore (To join NH 17)	283.00
9.	Dharwar-Londa-Anmod-Panaji (To join NH 17)	95.00
10	Padubidri-Kerkala-Sringeri-Thirthahalli-Shikaripur-Shiralkopa-Hubli-Bagalkot-Humnabad	750.00

S.No.	Name of the road	Length in Km.
11.	Sira (on NH 4 Bangalore-Poona Road) Madugeri-Gauribidanur-Chikkaballapur-Chintamani-Srinivasapur-Mulbagal (on NH 4 Bangalore-Madras Road)	160.00
12.	Chitradurga-Shimoga-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur Mercare-Tellicheri	330.00
13.	Bangalore-Kanakpur-Malavalli-Mysore-Nanjungud-Sultan Battery-Calicut	240.00
14.	Bangalore/Mysore-Hunsur-Virajpet Calicut road upto State border	270.00
	TOTAL :	4810.00

Expansion of road on National Highway No. 4

7241. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) how many accidents have taken place on the National Highway No. 4 between Bangalore and Tumkur during the years, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and how many lives were lost;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Govt. that 70 Kilometers of the National Highway No. 4 between Bangalore and Tumkur is the highest accident prone area in the entire Karnataka;

(c) what are the steps taken by Govt. to expand the road and also to enforce patrolling;

(d) whether the Govt. of Karnataka has requested for double laning the road, between Nelmangala and Tumkur, if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(e) whether Govt. would consider giving top priority for completing the double-lane, on war footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Highway-wise Road Accident data is not available.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Section between Bangalore - Tumkur on NH-4 runs at Bangalore and 67 at Tumkur. In the Annual Plan 1995-96, provision has been made for acquisition of land between Km. 30-75 of NH-4 for expending this section to 4 lane standard. Under National Highway Patrolling scheme the Govt. have provided financial assistance to the State Govt. of Karnataka for procurement of crane and Ambulance for removing broken-down vehicles and arrange immediate medical aid to the victims of road accidents on National Highway.

(d) and (e) The National Highway No. 4 between Nelmangala and Tumkur is already double lane road. Therefore the question does not arise.

Conversion of Single Lane National Highways

7242. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the kilometers of national highways in the country which are having single lane and four lanes;

(b) whether Government propose to convert 5487 Kms. of single lane highway roads to two lanes and to change 1800 Kms. of the two lanes into four lanes carriage ways as per experts reports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The length of single lane national highways in the country is about 5460 Kms. and four lane length is about 580 Kms.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the meagre allocation for development of National Highways during 8th Five Year Plan a length of about 1350 Kms of roads is proposed for widening from single lane to two